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SUBJECT: FURTHER SCANDAL TRIAL SCHEDULED IN THESSALONIKI

1. IN ADDITION TO FRONTPAGE COVERAGE OF ATHENS "MEAT" TRIAL, THESS PAPERS OF JUNE 16 ANNOUNCE 2 FURTHER SCANDAL CASES TO BE TRIED SOON BEFORE THESS MIL COURT. TRIAL OF 25 INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING 2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN HERE JUNE 18 FOR FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS AND BRIBERY IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE OF DRIVER' S LICENSES. OFFICIALS INVOLVED ARE TRYFON SIALDOS, CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, KILKIS NOMARCHY, AND EX-ARMY CAPTAIN KONSTANTINOS PANIDES. DATE NOT YET FIXED FOR SUBSEQUENT TRIAL OF LOCAL MERCHANT FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF PRICE AND QUALITY CONTROLS ON OLIVE OIL.

2. COMMENT: WHILE ABOVE CASES APPARENTLY ROUTINE, EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY INDICATES CONTINUING HIGH INTEREST HERE IN PROSECUTION OF ALLEGED SCANDALS.
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